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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT

Issues instruction regarding the Dissolution of the Chennarayapatna Municipal Council.

READ —

Correspondence ending with letter No. Ml. C. 766—51-52, dated 12th January 1952, from the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, in regard to the re-election of Councillors to the Chennarayapatna Town Municipality.

No. L. 14268-71—Ml. 41-51-9, DATED BANGALORE, THE 6TH MARCH 1952.

The elections for the re-constitution of Chennarayapatna Minor Municipal Council which consists of ten elected and five nominated (including two *Ex-officio* members were held on 23rd November 1949. After the results of election were announced, a petition was filed by certain voters of the Municipality before the Munsiff of Hole-Narsipur alleging certain irregularities and illegalities in the conduct of election and praying for the election of eight Councillors being set aside and a fresh election being ordered. After hearing the case the Munsiff passed orders setting aside the election of all the ten Councillors. An appeal was filed in the High Court of Mysore against this order and the same was admitted and an interim stay order was passed, staying further proceedings. Subsequently arguments were heard and the stay order was vacated. But the appeal has not yet been finally disposed of by the High Court.

The result of lifting of the stay order is that the orders of the Munsiff will have to be given effect to and a re-election ordered in the Municipality. But action has been taken already for the reconstitution of the Municipality under the

provisions of the Mysore Town Municipalities Act., 1951 and no separate action is necessary to hold bye-election under the Minor Municipalities Act, 1933. As the election of all the ten elected Councillors has been set aside by the Munsiff, and the High Court has vacated the stay order, the Municipal Council can consist of only nominated members till the elections are complete. A Municipal Council so constituted cannot be considered as legally competent to perform the duties imposed on it. It is, therefore, declared under Section 206 (1) of the Mysore Town Municipalities Act, 1951, that the Chennarayapatna Town Municipal Council as at present existing is legally incompetent to perform the duties under the Act. The said Council is accordingly dissolved forthwith and directed to be reconstituted with effect from 1st April 1952. During the period between the dissolution and re-constitution, the Amildar, Chennarayapatna Taluk shall exercise under Section 206 (2) (b) of the Mysore Town Municipalities Act, 1951, all the powers and perform the duties of the Municipal Council, under the general orders of the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District.

The Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, is requested to take action to give effect to the above orders immediately.

K. BALASUBRAMANYAM,
Secretary to Government,
Local Self-Government Department.

Constitutes a Committee for drawing up a Comprehensive Plan for the future development of Bangalore.

ORDER No. L. 15125-36—I.T.B. 35-51-1, DATED BANGALORE, THE 18TH MARCH 1952.

The population of Bangalore increased from 1,61,299 in 1901 to 7,76,170 in 1951. The significant increase of nearly 100 per cent from 4,06,760 to 7,76,170 during the decade 1941-51 was due, for the most part, to the immigration of people from outside the State attracted to the City by prospects of employment during the war time and since. The influx of people still continues and imposes a strain on the housing facilities and public services available in the City. The increase of population has accentuated conditions of overcrowding in the older parts of the City and the Civil Station and has led to overbuilding in parts of the suburban areas. It has also given rise to a problem of "Squatters" on open spaces belonging to private owners as well as to the Government and the Municipal Corporation.

These questions have to be urgently tackled. At the same time provision must be made for other requirements of a varied character, arising from the establishment or proposed establishment of new industries, the contemplated expansion of education and other social services and the location of certain offices of the Central Government and units of the Defence Services in and near Bangalore. Rapidly increasing motor traffic calls for a re-examination of the existing road system in the City. Under the Five-year Plan, the State has undertaken to provide industrial housing at a cost of Rs. 50 lakhs and the bulk of this sum will naturally have to be devoted to schemes of industrial housing within the limits or in the vicinity of the City.

These considerations make it urgently necessary to have a comprehensive general plan of development prepared for the City of Bangalore and some of the adjoining rural areas which may be expected, in course of time, to become parts of greater Bangalore. For this purpose, it has been decided to appoint a Committee, designated the Bangalore Development Committee, with the undermentioned members :—

The Chairman, Bangalore City Improvement Trust Board.
The Mayor, Bangalore City Corporation.
The Commissioner, Bangalore City Corporation.
The Chief Engineer in Mysore (Roads and Buildings).
The Director of Public Health in Mysore.
A Councillor chosen by the Corporation of the City of Bangalore.
The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.
Mr. G. H. Krumbiegal.
The Government Architect.
A Member of the Legislative Assembly of Mysore (to be notified later).